

How fitting, then, that John Paul, this priest from Poland who lived under what is arguably history's most immoral and destructive political system, should have been the one to write the epitaph for collectivism in its Communist, socialist, and welfare statist incarnations. This he has done in the form of his most recent social encyclical, *Centesimus Annus* ("The Hundredth Year").

Celebrating the centenary of Pope Leo XIII's pastoral letter *Rerum Navarum*, *Centesimus Annus* looks at the events of this age and envisions a world where government is strictly limited and based on the rule of law; where free people trade in free markets to produce a more prosperous economy for all the world's needy; and where the social system is rooted in moral and religious tradition.

It will be interesting to see whether this moral vision will have greater impact on the West or on the former republics of the Soviet empire that John Paul did so much to free.

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SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 20

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, and Peter B. Lyons, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To continue hearings to examine proposals to improve the regulation of the Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises.

SD-538

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Guard and Reserve Budget.

SD-192

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Education and Early Childhood Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Federal role in helping parents of young children.

SD-430

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine International Space Station research benefits.

SR-253

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the small business health care crisis, focusing on alternatives for lowering costs and covering the uninsured.

SR-428A

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the District of Columbia Courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and the Public Defender Service.

SD-138

Appropriations

Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the readiness of military units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006.

SR-222

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine a review of the material support to Terrorism Prohibition Improvements Act.

SD-226

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

APRIL 21

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the anti-corruption strategies of the African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank on Reconstruction and Development.

SD-419

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of Amtrak.

SR-253

Appropriations

Transportation, Treasury and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Krieg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

SD-106

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To continue hearings to examine proposals to improve the regulation of Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises.

SD-538

Budget

To hold hearings to examine structural deficits and budget process reform.

SH-216

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

SD-628

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine easing costs and expanding access relating to small businesses and health insurance.

SD-430

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America.

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10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine an overview of methamphetamine abuse.

SD-192

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies including the implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities.

SD-562

1:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine present and future costs of Department of Defense health care, and national health care trends in the civilian sector.

SR-232A

2 p.m.

Printing

Business meeting to consider organizational matters.

S-219, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's management agenda, including Federal financial performance, best practices, and program accountability.

SD-562

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Housing and Transportation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-538

Judiciary
Intellectual Property Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the patent system today and tomorrow.

SD-226

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

APRIL 22

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006; to be followed by a closed session in S-407, Capitol.

SR-222

APRIL 26

9:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the Millennium Challenge Corporation's global impact.

SD-419

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the status of the Department of Energy's Nuclear Power 2010 program.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Retirement Security and Aging Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine pensions.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the preparedness of the Department of Agriculture and the Interior for the 2005 wildfire season, including the agencies' assessment of the risk of fires by region, the status of and contracting for aerial fire suppression assets, and other information needed to better understand the agencies ability to deal with the upcoming fire season.

SD-366

APRIL 27

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings to examine regulation of Indian gaming.

SR-485

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

SR-328A

APRIL 28

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the Higher Education Act.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 242, to establish 4 memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas, S. 262, to authorize appropriations to the

Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California, S. 336, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study of the feasibility of designating the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail, S. 670, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 777, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", and H.R. 126, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

SD-366

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9:30 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation's translation program.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 20

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

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CANCELLATIONS

APRIL 28

10 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Assistance to Sudan and the Darfur Crisis.

SH-216